

**Weekend Weather**

**Friday:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy— high 79 low 59  
**Saturday:** Cloudy with rain-showers — high 75 low 59  
**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms — high 82 low 73

**Fiscal Year 02 Sortie Totals**



Squadron	Goal	Flown
8th FW	11,679	11,679
35th FS	5,839.5	5,839.5
80th FS	5,839.5	5,839.5

**ATSO TIP**

**Movement is not authorized when you have a bugle call [ground attack] in your sector.**



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**Wolf Pack drops first JDAM bombs in PACAF**

*By 1st Lt. Heather Healy  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The 35th Fighter Squadron made Pacific Air Force history as they dropped the first Joint Direct Attack Munitions bombs during a training mission Tuesday.

The bomb uses a guidance tail kit that converts the standard "dumb" bomb into a "smart" bomb using an inertial navigational system and a global positioning guidance control unit.

With dumb bombs, said Lt. Col. John Colombo, 35th FS commander, the location of the drop has to be very precise and any number of errors could change the path of the bomb once it's left the plane.

"The beauty of this weapon is the fact that it's going to go where I told it right before I released it. This is truly a release and forget weapon," Colombo said.

One of the major factors in employing any bomb has always been weather, but with the JDAM, that factor is all but eliminated.

"For a general purpose munition, we'd build one for good weather and one for bad weather," said Airman 1st Class Michael Schroeder, 8th Maintenance Group. "The JDAM almost cuts our work in half."

The JDAM is a low maintenance, popular weapon that is consistently used by fighters and bombers in the war in Afghanistan. But with all its perks and practicality, almost all of the pilots at the Wolf Pack have never had the chance to drop one.



*Photo by Senior Airman Chuck Walker*

**Airman 1st Class Carlos Ramos and Staff Sgt. Nicholas Hovingh, both of the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, load a Joint Direct Attack Munition bomb on a Wolf Pack F-16 Monday.**

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**Kunsan civilian re-connects with Korean War savior**

**Yi named honorary member of 'Mosquito Association'**

*Airman 1st Class Andrew Svoboda  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

A civilian employee here recently re-established ties with the man who saved his life and the Air Force unit that adopted him during the Korean War.

Mike Yi (Yi, Yong Ku), an employee at the base skills center, received an honorary induction into his savior's unit, the 6147th Tactical Control Group's Mosquito Association Friday.

The events that led up to Friday's induction are filled with many of the ideals held in high regard to servicemem-

bers throughout history - courage, willingness to help others and camaraderie.

The ability to have Koreans and Americans who met during the war re-connect, if only through a telephone conversation, is a rare event. When successful, the event is extremely emotional, said Kalani O'Sullivan, the man who helped Yi contact 6146th TCG veteran Ellis Forgy. Sullivan, a retired Air Force captain now living in Kunsan City, studies the history of units involved in the Korean War. Through this research, he tries to make the reunion of long lost friends from the war possible.

According to O'Sullivan, Yi was orphaned at age 7 when North Koreans killed his parents. In December 1950, he was found half-frozen in the snow near Kimbo by three young airmen, one of



**Mike Yi (Yi, Yong Ku)**

whom was Forgy, the man Yi would contact again nearly 50 years later.

The airmen took Yi back to 6146th Tactical Control Squadron at Taegu.

There Yi was "adopted" by troops in the unit who named him Bobby and brought him gifts from their mid-tours.

After the unit relocated, Battery B of the 76th Anti-Aircraft Artillery took Yi with them. Around June 1951, the unit moved to Kunsan Air Base, and Yi moved with them. He lived with the unit at the south end of base where the C-Pad Dining Facility stands today, according to O'Sullivan.

By 1955, an illness caused Yi to transfer to an orphanage in Cheju Island. In 1957, he secured a job at the base hobby shop in the photo section, while simultaneously attending school, until joining the Republic of Korea army in 1958.

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## Cultural diversity

# Enhancing global operations

By Gen. John P. Jumper  
Air Force Chief of Staff

At the beginning of the 21st Century the United States faces a dynamic and evolving security environment. America's security is now truly a global issue and the men and women of the U. S. Air Force are tasked to meet that challenge.

We find ourselves executing an expeditionary concept that focuses us on the business of rapid deployment in response to conditions ranging from humanitarian assistance to full-scale conflict. The expeditionary air and space force concept describes who we are today and where we're going tomorrow.

Post-September 11th operations rein-

force the reality that future missions and contingencies will require greater sophistication and understanding of our international security environment.

Just as we need pilots, intelligence specialists, satellite operators, and jet engine mechanics, our expeditionary force requires airmen with international insight, foreign language proficiency, and cultural understanding.

Recent operations underscore our need to establish a cadre of professionals proficient in foreign languages and area studies—men and women who have the right skill sets to shape events and rapidly respond to world-wide contingencies.

These international skills are true force multipliers and essential to our ability to operate globally.

Developing such a global cadre will require a much-needed "culture change." To that end, I strongly encourage the pursuit of such skill sets and experiences through regional/international studies degree programs, foreign languages, and overseas assignments.

I expect commanders to fully support and emphasize the importance of this to their charges. To be truly successful at sustaining coalitions, pursuing regional stability, and contributing to multi-national operations, our expeditionary forces must have sufficient capability and depth in foreign area expertise and language skills.

I urge each of you to develop tomorrow's expeditionary airmen. America's security depends upon it.

## Commander's Hotline 782-5284



Col. Guy Dahlbeck  
8th Fighter Wing commander

*The commander's hotline is a direct line of communication between me and the Wolf Pack. It's one of several means of helping to resolve concerns and to get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call the hotline at 782-5284, e-mail the 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office or e-mail me directly.*

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**Question -** I recently took the DMZ tour. It was fine once we got there, but I think the trip could have been much better. For example the bus ride time could be used to educate the participants on the history of Korea—maybe show a documentary which overviews the Korean War. Also, the tour guide we had didn't even talk to us. The guide should at least tell us about the present conditions in North Korea. If we are sending our airmen on an all-day tour it should be more educational. As it is right now, I think the tour is a waste of time.

**Response -** Thanks for providing feedback on improving our DMZ tour for newcomers. A visit to the DMZ is a great way for Wolf Pack members to gain a full understanding of the importance and historical relevance of our mission here at Kunsan.

We have incorporated your suggestions into all future tours. Wolf Pack newcomers will now hear the tour guide brief the group before departure on the day's itinerary and what to expect upon arrival at the DMZ.

The guide will also distribute informational pamphlets and talk briefly on life in Korea. During the bus ride to the DMZ, we will show a video on the Korean War. We want the DMZ, and all our tours, to be an enjoyable experience. We appreciate and welcome your recommendations for improvement.

Thanks for "making a difference."

## The buddy system: makes a difference

By Army Col.  
Peter Champagne  
U.S. Forces Korea

As many of you know from seeing American Forces Network news, reading your installation papers or the Stars and Stripes, three U. S. soldiers were assaulted Sept. 13 by demonstrators on a subway train near Seoul. The soldiers weren't looking for trouble but were merely in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Although this incident was very unfortunate, several key lessons can be learned. The first lesson is always using the buddy system.

In this case, there were three soldiers traveling together. The buddy system worked because the other soldiers were able to notify the Korean National Police that one of their buddies (our soldier) was in trouble and being held against his will. Had this soldier been traveling alone, there would have been no knowledge of the problem.

Avoid problem areas: listen to AFN radio for updates on areas that are potential trouble

spots. It's critical that you avoid demonstrations all costs. Even if it's a pro-U.S. demonstration, avoid that area and you'll avoid potential problems—avoid confrontations at all costs.

Maintain the moral high ground: don't get into discussions on the right or wrong of issues you hear in the media.

Don't get pulled into emotional discussions such as Status Of Forces Agreement, accidents that have killed and injured people or whether the U. S. forces should be in Korea or not.

Continue to apply the force protection measures, as prescribed by the commander. These measures are in place to protect soldiers, civilian employees and family members.

Strictly observe curfew hours, travel in buddy teams off-post at all times and conduct yourself gracefully as a guest of Korea and ambassador of the United States.

Report all incidents to your chain of command to ensure they receive the proper attention. We want to ensure your safety while serving in Korea.

## Making the grade

By Chief Master Sgt.  
Karl Sagstetter  
8th Fighter Wing

Tonight, the Kunsan Top 3 Group formally inducts 39 of Kunsan's finest NCOs into the Senior NCO ranks. These individuals will play a huge part in the future development of our enlisted force across the Air Force.

The milestone of becoming a Senior NCO can be the highest accomplishment of one's career and shouldn't be taken lightly. It's a great accomplishment along with tremendous responsibility—to make a difference and lead our future enlisted force and develop the leaders of tomorrow.

To realize the importance of being a Senior NCO, we only need to look at a few lines from the Senior NCO Induction Creed:

*"In the U.S. Air Force, a master sergeant joins an elite group. Sergeant is an ancient, honorable term that denotes a person possessing special skills, trust and integrity. You are now a master sergeant, which*

*means you have mastered the techniques and abilities required of noncommissioned officers ...*

*"By experience, performance and testing, you have advanced to master sergeant. You are now required to be the front of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, and the authority in personnel relations and technical applications.*

*"Your entire way of life has now changed. More will be expected of you; more will be demanded of you—not because you are an E-7, but because you are now a master sergeant. You have not merely been promoted; you have joined an exclusive society. And, as in all societies, you have a responsibility to its members, even as they have a responsibility to you."*

While we may not read these words often, we need to live by them every day of our Air Force life. The Air Force needs great Senior NCOs, who are not afraid to step up and lead their people on a daily basis.

That daily basis is not 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., it's a 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year for the rest of your life.



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**To our Security Forces:**  
*One behalf of all the commanders who participated in the security forces capabilities demonstration on Saturday I want to say thanks to Lt Col Dave Martinez and the entire Defender team. You all put together a super show that was both educational and fun for everyone there. Our Wolf Pack mission begins with you defending the base; it is only when that's done that we can do the rest...Saturday's demonstration showed us all that you've got the equipment, the skill and the warrior spirit to meet the demands of job #1. Thanks to all of you for the great day.*

— Wolf

Photo by Senior Airman Chuck Walker

## A demonstration with bite!

Lt. Col. Cheryl Gregorio, 8th Medical Operations Squadron commander, dons a finely-woven, over-stuffed coat to practice catching a K-9 during a security forces demonstration Saturday. The hands-on demonstration provided group and squadron commanders the opportunity to fire weapons and drive vehicles used by the 8th Security Forces Squadron.

## - MOSQUITO from page 1

After serving four years, Yi returned to his job at the base hobby shop.

The re-joining of Yi and his benefactor began when a former Wolf Pack member contacted O'Sullivan to help him find a friend who had worked at the skills center in 1978.

O'Sullivan visited the base's skills center and found Yi still behind the counter. O'Sullivan then offered his services to search for Yi's benefactor using his contacts with veteran groups.

"The key element came from Mike," said O'Sullivan. "By remembering 6164 [the unit] and T-6 [the aircraft, nicknamed the mosquito], I put together that it was a tactical control unit and knew where to look."

When Yi and Forgy reunited, emotions on both sides of the Pacific were running high -- their telephone conversation was the first time the two had spoken in more than 50 years, said O'Sullivan.

"For every success like this one, we have many more disappointments. Older people pass away or cannot be found, and

we must deliver bad news," said O'Sullivan. "Just one event like this makes it all worth while."

Yi celebrated his induction with a dinner amongst close friends and family. He was joined by his wife and five daughters, as well as former skills center manager, Yang, Pyong Sok, whom Yi worked with for more than 30 years.

Good fortune smiled upon Yi, who couldn't be more deserving according to friends.

"He's a virtuous man, and was born good," said Yang.

"A longstanding part of the Kunsan family, he always smiles and waves," said current Loring Club manager Donald Montgomery.

When inducted on behalf of the Mosquito Association by Col. Timothy A. Byers, 8th Support Group commander, a grateful Yi thanked his personal benefactor, but also the benefactor of his people.

"I want to thank the U.S., who helped bring spiritual life back to our country and helped save and enrich Korea."

## Members may be able to carry over 'use or lose' leave

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** - Active duty airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they were supporting contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, who performed full-time training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days, are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90

days of leave until the end of fiscal year 2003, according to personnel officials.

"When possible, service members are encouraged to use their leave in the year it is earned," said Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for special leave accrual through their command channels. For more information, call the 8th military personnel flight customer service at 782-5276.

## - JDAM from page 1

In fact, Colombo is the first F-16 pilot in all of PACAF to drop a JDAM in this part of the world. Because the JDAM is being used in actual combat, it is difficult to get a training allotment, said Colombo. Finding available ranges to drop these weapons has also been a challenge.

When all the pieces fell into place, it was a great day for the Panton maintenance personnel who built and loaded the bombs, intelligence personnel who chose the coordinates and all those who waited anxiously to see if the JDAM lived up to its reputation.

"It's a really eloquent solution to give us all-weather capability," Colombo said. "But it required a tremendous amount of work from a lot of people to put this together."

The work began months in advance coordinating with both PACAF and 7th Air Force. Fortunately, when the Wolf Pack received the green light on Monday, it was ready to put the plan into action.

"It only takes 4-to-6 minutes to build a JDAM when you have enough people and the right equipment," said Staff Sgt.

Sean Deboy, 8th Maintenance Group.

The simplicity of the bomb is something the conventional maintenance crew members truly appreciate.

"It is extremely different than other bombs," said Senior Airman Hunter Wray, 8th Maintenance Group. "You put in six set screws, and you're done."

Not only is the process of putting the tail kit on the bomb body less work, but the extended service life of a JDAM allows large groups of these bombs to be built and put aside until needed, said Airman 1st Class Jake Masterson, 8th Maintenance Group.

"For example, a GB-12 has to be taken apart and inspected every 180 days," Masterson said. "We inspect about 10 bombs a week and a lot of our time is spent just doing that."

Most of the Wolf Pack personnel who had the chance to be a part of the JDAM drop will agree that it is impressive on the ground and in the air.

"It's great to go do something you've only read about," said Colombo. "I know how it's supposed to work, but to actually have it work ... it went extremely well."

## Pride of the Pack



**Unit:** 8th Maintenance Squadron

**Job:** electrical environmental engines element chief

**Hometown:** Fairfax, Va.

**Follow-on:** Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

**Hobbies:** Bike riding, boating, spending time with my wife, son and daughter



**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Svarverud**

*Nominees are selected for outstanding service and dedication to their unit. To nominate an individual, contact the member's group commander.*

**Charlie Daniels Band**  
**7 p.m. Sunday**  
**in Hangar 3**







## Providing the Wolf Pack with consumable water and more

*Airman 1st Class Andrew Svoboda  
8th FW Public Affairs*

**P**lumbing. The mere word seems to conjure images of some guy named "Doug" squatting under the sink to rescue some unfortunate trinket that accidentally found its way down the drain.

In the Air Force, plumbing takes on a whole new meaning. Utilities troops are trained to purify and produce consumable water from any source in the world, which translates to survival of the Wolf Pack during a contingency. They also maintain distribution systems which, depending on the base, can rival a small city in size.

Kunsan's unique mission makes it one of the only Air Force bases in the world to draw water from a local reservoir for its main water source, meaning utilities troops here man the on-base water treatment facility 24-hours-a-day.

Since Korea's water contains bacteria that would be unsuitable for American servicemembers to drink, the base's water supply must be purified through a lengthy process, beginning several miles off base. There, 800 gallons of water are pumped to the base per minute, said Senior Airman Donovan Johnson, an 8th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities troop who works at the base water treatment center.

"We must check our three pumps, which are housed off-base, three times a day," said Johnson. "There, charcoal is added to take the odor, color and taste out of the water."

The charcoal gets separated from the water before being pumped to the treatment center. Once it reaches base however, the water must still run through nearly a nine-hour treatment process before becoming consumable.

"We add chemicals like alum, lime and chlorine to the water," said Johnson. "When water is taken from a well [a common water source in the United States], it naturally gets filtered by going through layers of rock, gravel and clay. Since our water is taken from the surface, we must pump water through sand filters to re-create that process."

Finally, in order for the water to be pumped throughout the base, it's pumped to a half-million gallon ground storage tank, then up to the landmark Wolf Pack water tower.

"The elevated tank holds another half-million gallons of water," said Johnson. "By elevating the water to 144 feet, we use gravity to push the water throughout the base."

Although discolored water occasionally comes out of a sink or shower, this not due to a lack of purification, but



*Photos by Airman 1st Class Andrew Svoboda*

**(above)** Staff Sgt. Kenneth Robinson, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities troop, saws through galvanized steel pipe during a renovation project in building 1303.

**(right)** Senior Airman William Vandegrift, 8th CES utilities shop, examines a network of pipes before beginning a job.

iron deposits from the galvanized steel pipes the water is pumped through.

"People many times see the discolored water when they first turn on a faucet. That water isn't harmful, but if they just let it run for a minute, the discoloration will flush out," said Staff Sgt. David Gough, NCOIC of the base water treatment facility. "PVC and copper pipes are used in the United States, but here galvanized steel is mostly still used."

For many younger airmen like Johnson, an assignment at Kunsan provides their first opportunity to work surface-water treatment.

"We didn't have a full water plant at Robbins (Air Force Base, Georgia)," said Johnson. "There, we got water from the city water or wells. There's a section about water plants in our CDCs, but I didn't think I'd ever see one."

While this is pretty much a full-time job in itself, utilities troops are also responsible for testing the fire suppression systems in buildings and hangars, maintaining the base pool, fixing water and gas main breaks, and performing routine plumbing maintenance on the nearly 150 miles of pipes around base.

"A lot of people think we just do plumbing, but the job involves so much more," said Master Sgt. William White, base utilities manager. "We deal with a lot of chemicals and must be part chemist, part lab technician and part engineer. And we do the plumbing on top of that."

White didn't join the Air Force as a



**Senior Airman Donovan Johnson, an 8th CES utilities troop who works at the base water treatment center, checks the water's chlorine level. Chlorine, pH and turbidity (clarity of water) levels are checked every three hours.**

plumber. When he entered the career field 18 years ago, he came in as environment support, which only dealt with water and waste-water treatment. It was only within the past few years that his career field merged with the plumbing field. This is not a problem for White, who is licensed and certified in just about every water treatment and plumbing specialty available. Although trained by the Air Force, these certifications will carry over to the civilian world, and White plans to work for a city-level utility company after retirement.

"I've been to every school possible and been trained in every aspect of water, waste-water, pools and plumbing," said White. "The Air Force has given us the capability to be dropped anywhere in the world with a ROPU (reverse osmosis purification unit) and create consumable water in six hours."

Like many career fields, an assign-

ment to Kunsan also means utilities troops get to practice their war-time mission. During exercises, troops use device about the size of a briefcase called a ROPU to make create consumable water.

"It's basically a portable or mobile water plant that we use to draw water from a raw water source," he said. "It's something we looked at in classes, but here we actually set it up during exercises."

While they can still be found unclogging the occasional sink, utilities troops at Kunsan are training every day handle any size emergency. Whether they're providing a cool drink on a hot day, or the only water source available after an attack, utilities troops play an important role in keeping the Wolf Pack ready to fight.



# Above & Beyond

## Hispanic-American hero defied humble beginnings, critical wounds; redefined 'duty'

By Master Sgt. Mark Haviland  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

By the time soldiers of the 5th Special Forces Group could convince a doctor to look at Staff Sgt. Roy Benavidez, he was lying in a body bag next to his dead comrades — it wasn't a pretty sight. Benavidez' eyes were caked with blood, his jaw was broken and his intestines were exposed. The doc placed a hand on the soldier's chest to check for a heartbeat and pronounced him dead.

Benavidez' story should have ended there, but it's merely a footnote in a story so incredible that former President Ronald Reagan said if it were made into a movie, "you would not believe it."

The orphaned son of South Texas sharecroppers, Raul Benevidez dropped out of school in the seventh grade to pick beets and cotton. Constantly taunted as a "dumb Mexican," he changed his name to Roy and joined the Army at age 19 to seek a better life.

Almost 13 years later, May 2, 1968, Benevidez was listening to a prayer service with other soldiers at a special forces outpost near Cambodia when calls for help came over a nearby radio — "Get us out of here! For God's sake, get us out!"

A 12-man SF team monitoring enemy troop movements had found itself outnumbered and surrounded by a North Vietnamese Army unit.

One attempt to rescue the surrounded soldiers had failed and in what he'd later describe as an "involuntary reaction" the 32-year-old ran to a nearby helicopter. Without orders and armed with only a knife, he joined the second rescue effort — the beginning of what he called "six hours of hell."

When they arrived at the fighting, intense enemy fire kept the helicopter from immediately evacuating the surrounded soldiers so it had to land 75 yards away from their position. After making the sign of the cross, Benavidez jumped out of the helicopter as it hovered ten feet above the ground, and ran toward the soldiers carrying his knife and a medic bag.

Almost immediately, he took a bullet in the right leg but got up and kept moving. A grenade exploded nearby, peppering his face with shrapnel, but again he

got up. Reaching the Americans' position, he found four men dead and all the others badly wounded. He armed himself with an enemy rifle, treated the wounded, distributed ammunition and water, and encouraged the men to keep up the fight. He was shot again, but ordered the helicopter to move closer as he continued dragging the dead and wounded aboard.

As enemy fire intensified, he scrambled to recover the body of the dead team leader and the classified documents he carried. Another bullet tore into his stomach and grenade fragments ripped into his back. At about the same time, an enemy bullet found the pilot and the helicopter crashed.

Despite his critical condition, Benavidez returned to the overturned aircraft, pulled the wounded and dead from the wreckage and formed a defensive perimeter with the survivors. Then, he called in airstrikes and coordinated another rescue attempt.

He was shot again and while carrying wounded to the second rescue helicopter he was clubbed, stabbed and beaten by an enemy soldier who tried to take him prisoner. Benavidez killed that soldier in hand-to-hand combat and shot two others who attempted to flank the helicopter. Finally, after rescuing three more comrades, he allowed helicopter crewmen to haul him aboard.

Back at the outpost, Benavidez, who was wounded 40 times in the course of saving eight people, was almost helpless when it came to saving himself. Rendered immobile and unable to open his eyes or speak, he listened as the doctor pronounced him dead then summoned the strength to spit at him. Even after he was pulled from the body bag, doctors didn't expect him to live.

But the doctors had been wrong before. Four years earlier, during Benavidez's first tour in "The 'Nam," he'd been injured by a land mine and doctors predicted he'd never walk again. But he'd returned to active duty, returned to Vietnam, and this time he'd return from the dead.

Benavidez spent the next year recovering from his wounds and was originally awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions. He retired from the Army as a master sergeant in 1976. In 1981, after the man who radioed the initial call for help confirmed the



Courtesy photo

### Master Sgt. Roy Perez Benavidez

account of the day's heroic action, Benavidez medal was upgraded and he became one of 39 Hispanic Americans to receive the Medal of Honor since its inception in 1861.

More than 1,500 people attended Benavidez's funeral in 1998 and the New York Times, circulation 1,097,180, was one of many papers to run his obituary. A collectible G.I. Joe action figure honors him, and a Houston elementary school and Navy ship bear his name. In 2001, his native state awarded him the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor — he's the only Hispanic to receive the award.

In the end, the so-called "dumb Mexican" orphan, continuing a legacy of Hispanic military service that dates to the Revolutionary War, found his calling and became one of America's favorite sons.

"I don't like to be called a hero," he once said. "I just did what I was trained to do."

— 2nd Lt. Mark Landez, 8th Communications Squadron, contributed to this article.

### At A Glance — Hispanic-American Military History Notes

☆ During the American Revolution, Spanish, Dominican, Puerto Rican and Mexican soldiers and Cuban militiamen in the Louisiana Regiment of Infantry helped defeat British forces in the Gulf of Mexico region.

☆ Contributions raised by women in Havana, Cuba allowed French and American forces to continue their siege of Yorktown in 1781.

☆ Galveston, Texas is named for Revolutionary War general Bernardo de Galvez.

☆ Spanish-Americans from Louisiana joined Gen. Andrew Jackson's troops in defeating British invaders during the War of 1812's Battle of New Orleans.

☆ Juan Abamillo, Juan Antonio Badillo, Gregorio Esparaza and other Hispanics fought alongside Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie at the Alamo.

☆ Nearly 10,000 Mexican-Americans fought in the Civil War including Cuban-born Loretta Velasquez, who masqueraded as a male Confederate soldier. Velasquez fought at Bull Run, Ball's Bluff and Fort Donelson before she was detected and discharged.

☆ In California, more than 400 Mexican Americans served in the First Battalion of Native Cavalry, which helped repel a Confederate invasion of New Mexico.

☆ The Civil War's best known Hispanic was Adm. David Farragut, who commanded Federal naval forces during the battle at Mobile Bay in Alabama. He later became the Navy's senior admiral.

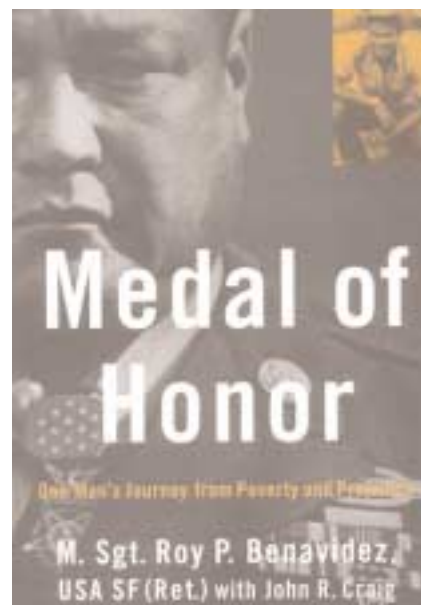
☆ Army Capt. Maximiliano Luna and enlisted Hispanics served in the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, the Spanish-American War's famed "Rough Riders."

☆ Marine Pvt. France Silva earned the Medal of Honor for actions during the Boxer Rebellion in China.

☆ Los Angeles native Guy Gabaldon single-handedly captured more than 1,000 Japanese soldiers on the Island of Saipan in 1944.

☆ Lt. Gen. Elwood "Pete" Quesada championed close air support and battlefield air superiority during World War II. He later became the first commander of the Air Force's Tactical Air Command, the predecessor of today's Air Combat Command.

☆ In 2002, Airman 1st Class Jessica Sanchez, a missile warning intelligence analyst, was selected to appear in one of the Air Force's new "Cross Into the Blue" recruiting commercials.



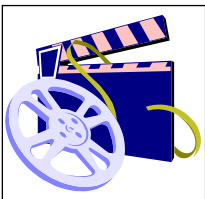
For more information about the life and exploits of Master Sgt. Roy Benavidez, check out his autobiography, "Medal of Honor: One Man's Journey from Poverty and Prejudice."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Svoboda

## Enlisted career enhancement

Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Kloeher, 8th Maintenance Operations Squadron, teaches a four-day enlisted career workshop for airmen and NCOs. The workshop, held every quarter, includes information about military writing, assignments and legal issues.



**Today** - "Simone" (PG-13) Starring Al Pacino and Chris Coppola, running time: 1 hour and 57 minutes, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
**Saturday** - "Simone" (PG-13) 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
**Sunday** - "Reign of Fire" (PG-13) Starring Matthew McConaughey and Chris O'Neal Bale, running time: 1 hour and 42 minutes, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
**Monday** - "Reign of Fire" (PG-13) 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday** - "Crocodile Hunter" (PG) Starring Steve Irwin and Terri Irwin, running time: 1 hour and 29 minutes, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday** - "Crocodile Hunter" (PG) 8 p.m.  
**Thursday** - "Serving Sara" (PG-13) Starring Elizabeth Hurley and Matthew Perry, running time: 1 hour and 40 minutes, 8 p.m.  
**Weekend Matinee** - "Lilo & Stitch" (PG) Animated, running time: 1 hour and 25 minutes, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Show times are subject to change without notice.

## Dining Facility Menus

### O'Malley Inn Dining Facility

Bldg. 550 Phone: 782-7202

#### Today

**Dinner:** Italian sausage, sweet lasagna and spaghetti with meat sauce  
**Special:** Burritos

#### Saturday

**Brunch:** Cajun meat loaf, crispy baked chicken and steak  
**Dinner:** Fish almandine, pork chops with mushroom gravy and stir fry chicken

#### Sunday

**Brunch:** Chicken breast parmesan, sauerbraten and tuna and noodles  
**Dinner:** Fried shrimp, ginger barbecue chicken and spinach lasagna

#### Monday

**Lunch:** Baked chicken, simmered knockwurst and Swiss steak with tomato sauce  
**Dinner:** Roast turkey, baked canned ham, fish and fries  
**Special:** Fried chicken nuggets

#### Tuesday

**Lunch:** Grilled salisbury steak, onion-lemon baked fish, yakisoba and beef and spaghetti  
**Dinner:** Barbecue beef cubes, paprika beef, pork chop suey  
**Special:** Steak and cheese sub

#### Wednesday

**Lunch:** Beef porcupines, Caribbean jerk chicken, chicken enchiladas  
**Dinner:** Country style steak, fried chicken, pita pizzas  
**Special:** Individual cheese pizza

#### Thursday

**Lunch:** Lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, veal parmesan, and noodles jefferson  
**Dinner:** Pepper steak, Baked Chicken, Ginger Pot Roast

### C-Pad Dining Facility

Bldg. 2850 Phone: 782-4688

#### Today

Baked Chicken, simmered knockwurst and Swiss steak with tomato sauce

#### Monday

Grilled salisbury steak, onion-lemon baked fish and yakisoba

#### Tuesday

Beef porcupines, Caribbean jerk chicken and chicken enchiladas

#### Wednesday

Liver with onions, orange-spiced chops and tempura fried fish

#### Thursday

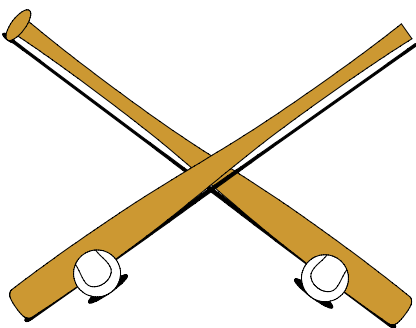
Veal paprika steaks, Beef and corn pie and seafood newburg

## Menus are subject to change.



## Birthday meal

People with birthdays in October are invited to the birthday meal 6:15 p.m. Oct. 13 at the O'Malley Inn Dining Facility. The birthday member may bring one guest. Meal card customers eat free, BAS customers' meal cost is \$10.95 for chicken and lobster or \$12.95 for steak and lobster. Sign-up later than Oct. 11 at O'Malley if attending.



## Kunsan softball places second in tournament

Wolf Pack softball team players Dan Turner, Michael Summitt, Jeremy Papasso, Dale Wright, Ben Croxford and Charlie Marris receive kudos from The Wolf, Col. Guy Dahlbeck, for placing second in a Korea-wide tournament Sept. 15.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Suellyn Nuckolls



## Chapel Schedule

**Catholic Mass:** 9 a.m. Sundays; 5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursdays and Reconciliation is 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

**Protestant service:** General Protestant Service is 11 a.m. Sundays.

**Gospel service:** 12:30 p.m. Sundays; Inspirational Fellowship is 7:30 p.m. Fridays.

**Church of Christ services:** Sundays in the SonLight Inn, Room 1; Bible study at 10 a.m.; Worship is 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the SonLight Inn, Room 1.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints services:** 3 p.m. Sundays in the base chapel.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings are 8 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in Room 1 at the SonLight Inn. For more information, call 782-4300.

**SonLight Inn Meal:** Chicken with rice, rice and beans, salad, and banana pudding. beginning at 6 p.m. tonight.

## Free Breakfast and Fellowship

8 - 10 a.m. every Saturday in the SonLight Inn

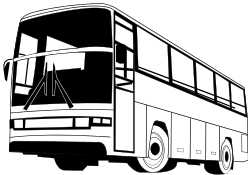
## Wolf Pack Wheels

Kunsan to Osan  
**Monday - Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. and noon  
Osan to Kunsan  
**Monday - Thursday:** 4 p.m.  
**Friday:** 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:**  
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Kunsan to Yongsan  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** 7:30 a.m.  
Yongsan to Kunsan  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** 3 p.m.

Tickets available at the Falcon Community Center  
\$10 one way  
\$20 roundtrip





Juvats unplug COMM 14-6 in season opener



Photo by Senior Airman Chuck Walker

80th Fighter Squadron Chandler Vazquez, runs for daylight during Tuesday's flag football game with the 8th Communications Squadron. Vazquez rushed and threw a touchdown leading the Juvats to a 14 - 6 victory.

By Senior Airman Chuck Walker  
8th Communications Squadron

Adjustments, if made properly, can benefit your ball club.

Just ask the 80th Fighter Squadron flag football team.

After a first-half which saw the Juvats fumble three snaps and pick up only two first downs, the 80th FS adjusted its gameplan at halftime, and it worked.

Backup quarterback Chandler Vazquez passed and ran for a touchdown to lead the 80th FS to a 14-6 victory against the 8th Communications Squadron in the first game of the season for both teams Tuesday.

Juvats coach Condre Cole said the team made the change at quarterback to take advantage of their speed.

"We've been playing both guys at quarterback in practice," Cole said of starting quarterback Jacob Davidson and Vazquez. "They took it upon themselves to make the switch from something they were seeing. We also blocked a lot better in the second half, which helped out a lot too."

The game was a story of two halves and in the first half it appeared that 8th CS would take control.

On the second play from scrimmage, wide-receiver Ryan Clements threw a 78-yard touchdown strike to Jamie Willemin after a lateral from quarterback Charles Brambach, giving Comm a 6-0 lead.

Still trailing at the start of the second-half, the 80th FS began taking control of the game.

The Juvats marched 45 yards in five plays to open the second half, with Vazquez scampering 15-yards for the touchdown. Vazquez hit running back Jesse Hudson with a 10-yard pass for a

two-point conversion, giving the 80th FS an 8-6 lead.

After defensive lineman Eric Harris picked-off a Brambach pass on the 8th CS 35-yard line, Vazquez hit Carl Lowe on a 3-yard pass to give the Juvats a 14-6 lead.

Vazquez said his ability to run the ball helped open up the offense for the 80th FS in the second half.

"The running game is more my style, and I was able to get past their rush," Vazquez said. "And when they would try to rush more people to stop me, that left our receivers open in the secondary, and they were able to catch them. I think their defense tired out a little bit in the second half. That enabled our receivers to get open and I was able to get the ball to them."

The second half was a miserable one for Comm, last season's base runners-up. Each of 8th CS's two possessions in the second half ended in Harris interceptions.

Comm coach Ben Hinton said his team needs to re-evaluate itself and focus on the job at hand in order to improve.

"We definitely need to do some reorganizing of our offense," Hinton said. "We have a solid line of wide receivers who can catch the ball well. We just can't get frustrated out there, especially at the quarterback position. We just need cooler heads to prevail. We need to use this as the basis to get the team kicked-off and headed in the right direction."

Cole, who picked up his first win ever as a coach in the victory, said his team needs to build off its victory and get better.

"We had a couple of missed assignments out there, but it feels good to get the victory," Cole said. "We all came together."

Pigskin Picks

Troy Schroeder and Donald Montgomery managed to rack up an impressive 12-2 record this week, but Schroeder edged out the win by five points. Competition was tough this week: Andrew Algermissen and Joseph McCance finished 11-3, and Suellyn Nuckolls and Michael Polley were 10-4.

Of course, a couple of people choked worse than the 0-3 Rams, but hey, that's football.

— The Rules —

Just pick who you think will win each game and provide your guess for the total points scored during the Monday night game — for a tie-breaker. The person

with the best win-loss record gets their picture in this column and an 8th Services Squadron coupon book that includes a free game of bowling, a free round of golf, and some great deals at the Loring Club, just to name a few.

Picks must be dropped off at the public affairs office, Building 1305 room 235, or sent by e-mail to [wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af.mil](mailto:wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af.mil). We must get your entries by *noon Sunday*. Only one entry per person, per week.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| — | Carolina at Green Bay        | — |
| — | Chicago at Buffalo           | — |
| — | Cleveland at Pittsburgh      | — |
| — | Dallas at St. Louis          | — |
| — | Houston at Philadelphia      | — |
| — | Miami at Kansas City         | — |
| — | New Orleans at Detroit       | — |
| — | N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville    | — |
| — | N.Y. Giants at Arizona       | — |
| — | Tampa Bay at Cincinnati      | — |
| — | New England at San Diego     | — |
| — | Tennessee at Oakland         | — |
| — | Minnesota at Seattle         | — |
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| — | <b>Monday Night Football</b> | — |
| — | Denver at Baltimore          | — |
| — | Total Points _____           | — |



Name: Troy Schroeder  
Team: 8th Medical Group  
Record: 12-2

Pigskin Picks MVP  
Week 3



Kumgang 5K  
Health Marathon  
9 a.m. Oct. 3  
Celebrating Kunsan City and  
Seochon County Citizen Day  
The bus departs the Loring Club  
at 8 a.m.





Staff Sgt. Sean Karshner, 8th Maintenance Squadron, replaces the float switch on a center line fuel tank, located underneath the center of the plane. The float switch signals that fuel is low.

## Aircraft Fuel Systems Repair allows the Wolf Pack's jets to...

Photos by Airman 1st Class Andrew Svoboda

# Gas 'n' Go



Senior Airman Glenn Meza, a hydrazine responder with the 8th MXS, dons a fully encapsulated hazardous material suit and uses a drager hand pump to detect the presence of a possible hydrazine leak. Hydrazine is corrosive and highly toxic, and in the event of a spill, must be neutralized. F-16s carry hydrazine fuel as an emergency power source in the event the jet loses hydraulic or electric power.



Senior Airman Jason Carlton, 8th MXS, climbs inside the intake of an F-16 to fix a fuel leak. Troops must remove their boots and wear white cotton pocketless coveralls to avoid scratching or dragging in FOD [foreign object damage].



Senior Airman Dave Schaefferkoetter, 8th MXS, uses a large air hose to pressurize jet fuel before a flight.